



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 394**

February Session, 2022

Substitute House Bill No. 5461

*House of Representatives, April 11, 2022*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY  
IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN VOTING PROCEDURES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study all revisions to the general statutes necessary to effectively  
3 implement procedures for early voting and no-excuse absentee voting,  
4 whenever such voting may be authorized under the Constitution of the  
5 state.
- 6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 8 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 9 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
10 Representatives;

- 11 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 12 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
13 Representatives;
- 14 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 15 (7) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee;
- 16 (8) Two designated by the president of the Registrars of Voters  
17 Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different  
18 political party from the other; and
- 19 (9) One designated by the president of the Connecticut Town Clerks  
20 Association.
- 21 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
22 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
23 of the General Assembly.
- 24 (d) All initial appointments or designations, as applicable, to the task  
25 force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of  
26 this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing or designating  
27 authority, as applicable.
- 28 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
29 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
30 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
31 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than  
32 November 15, 2022.
- 33 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections  
35 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 36 (g) Not later than February 15, 2023, the task force shall submit a  
37 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
38 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
39 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a

40 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
41 submits such report or February 15, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a), "state constitution" was changed to "Constitution of the state" for consistency.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study revisions to the general statutes necessary to effectively implement procedures for early voting and no-excuse absentee voting. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Government Administration and Elections Committee by February 15, 2023.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

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**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 2 (03/29/2022)